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DECLARATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.132

Sir:

We, Bonnie L. Bassler and Michael G. Surette, Co-Inventors in the above-identified patent application, do hereby declare as follows:

- 1. We are the named inventors of U.S. Patent No. 7,326,542.
- 2. We are the sole inventors of the invention of claims 1, 3-36, 39-40, and 42-47. Thus, the rejected claims are not the invention "of another." The same entity invented the invention of these claims and the invention disclosed in U.S. Patent No. 7,326,542.
- 3. The disclosure of any invention in U.S. Patent No. 7,326,542 was derived from the above named co-inventors of the present application, US. 10/802,425, Bonnie L. Bassler and Michael G. Surette, and thus is not the invention "by another" for the above-referenced claims.
- 4. We further declare that all statements made herein of our own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and, further, that these statements were made with knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made

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are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing therefrom.

Dated:______ By: ______
Bonnie L. Bassler

and the

Michael G. Surette

Dated: June 17, 2009